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Lewiston school awarded \$10,000 makeover grant; Mini Grants also awarded

IDAHO FALLS – Jenifer Junior High School's physical science laboratory soon will be filled with spectrum tubes, pulleys, a forensic chemistry kit and other equipment needed for hands-on experiments. The Lewiston school was selected to receive Idaho National Laboratory's \$10,000 Extreme Classroom Makeover Grant.

INL also has awarded several Mini Grants to Idaho K-12 teachers to bolster science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. These grants, worth up to \$1,000 each, can be used to purchase equipment and materials for classrooms.

This year's Mini Grant recipients are:

Idaho Falls/eastern Idaho

Jhanyce Acosta of Eagle Rock Junior High School in Idaho Falls received \$226 to buy iPad cover cases and an app to help students learn Spanish.
Karen Anderson of Sunnyside Elementary School in Idaho Falls received \$998 to buy iPads to help students learn math and to read.
Malane Anderson of Linden Park Elementary School in Idaho Falls received \$577 to buy a document camera that can be used with a SMARTboard.
Kim B. Bishop of Harwood Elementary School in Rigby received \$876 to purchase iPads so students can create "mathcasts" or video tutorials.
Teresa Call of Riverview Elementary School in Shelley received \$998 to buy iPads to help teach math and science.
Amy Clark of Westside Elementary School in Idaho Falls received \$998 to buy two iPads students can use for a zoo animal research project.
Christine Davis of Woodland Hill Elementary School in Idaho Falls received \$1,000 to purchase five Kindle Fire tablets for her class.
Megan Gaz of Victor Elementary School received \$958 to buy science books for her second-grade class.
Angela Gillman of Westside Elementary School in Idaho Falls received \$998 to buy iPads to teach math and other subjects.
Miles Hurley of Idaho Falls High School received \$1,000 to purchase VEX robotic equipment.
Michelle Lawrence of Temple View Elementary School in Idaho Falls received \$584 to buy a digital projector for her classroom.
Shane Matson of Leadore School received \$720 to purchase equipment so his students can design, test and race hydrogen fuel cell cars.
Michelle McGarry of Holy Rosary School in Idaho Falls received \$983 for a new video camera that will allow students to interact with a classroom in Belize and a camera that connects to a microscope.
Amy McMullen of Fox Hollow Elementary School in Idaho Falls received \$843 to buy four Nook tablets to help students with reading.
Krista Ramacher of Arco Elementary School received \$1,000 for books, models and equipment for a project on bats at Craters of the Moon National Monument.
Jeanette Stander of Rockford Elementary School in Blackfoot received \$820 to purchase equipment for an interactive whiteboard.
Katena Swank of Challis Junior/Senior High School received \$1,000 to purchase new computers that can be used for multiple science projects.
Valerie Waite of Roberts Elementary School received \$798 to purchase iPads for math and science lessons.
Dale Walker of Bonneville High School in Idaho Falls received \$1,000 to purchase a graphing interface with sensor probes.
David Warmbier of Hope Lutheran School in Idaho Falls received \$999 to purchase LEGO robotic supplies for a technology class.
Peggy Welsh of I.T. Stoddard Elementary School in Blackfoot received \$912 to buy a document camera and digital projector.

Pocatello/southeast Idaho

Kade Erickson of Marsh Valley Middle School in Arimo received \$1,000 to purchase an educational, interactive news program.
John R. Lee of The Academy at Roosevelt Center in Pocatello received \$1,000 to purchase laboratory glassware.
Kathy Schatz of Greenacres Elementary School in Pocatello received \$1,000 to purchase supplies for a project on waste, composting and gardening.
Carri Thomason of Pocatello Community Charter School received \$978 to buy supplies to support a multiyear project in which students study the health of the Portneuf River.
Tracy Ward of Malad Middle School received \$1,000 to purchase an interactive Discovery Science Techbook.

Boise/Treasure Valley

Melissa Avery of Eagle Middle School received \$985 to buy iPods and other equipment for a science classroom.
Amy Birch of Mary McPherson Elementary School in Meridian received \$576 for rockers and head phones to use with iPads for a lesson on a science secret mission.
Mike Holloway at Basin Elementary School in Idaho City received \$834 for an iPad for an Outdoor Science Education and Beyond class.
Caroline Reese of Meridian Academy received \$980 to purchase a subscription to an online math tutorial program.
John Rosato of Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian was awarded \$1,000 to expand the school's Digital Science Learning Laboratory.
Lynnea Shafter of Heritage Middle School in Meridian received \$942 to purchase probes and other equipment needed for data collection.
Joannah Shoushtarian of Galileo Math and Science Magnet School in Meridian received \$911 to purchase two iPads to improve math instruction.
Seth Stallcop of Legacy Charter School in Nampa received \$1,000 to purchase equipment for a technology integration project.
John Stegmaier of Mountain View High School in Meridian received \$1,000 to purchase iPads for his chemistry class.

Kellie Taylor of Galileo Math and Science School in Eagle received \$998 for LEGO robotics gear.

North Idaho

Lisa Hoffman of Ramsey Magnet School of Science in Coeur d'Alene received \$774 to purchase three iPod touches to help students with reading and math.

Eric Mann at Sandpoint High School received \$493 to purchase a high-speed camera for crash test analysis.

Becky Smith of Lakes Magnet Middle School in Coeur d'Alene received \$935 to purchase GPS navigators.

Lewiston/Moscow

Darbie Duclos of Prairie Junior/Senior High School in Cottonwood received \$999 for equipment for a land surveying project.

Bernadette Edwards of Grangeville Middle School received \$1,000 to purchase new computers for her technology classroom.

Jeremy Feucht of Jenifer Junior High School in Lewiston received \$999 to purchase a VEX robotics kit.

Tracy Hoffmeister of Moscow Charter School received \$1,000 for a SMARTboard for the school's STEM resource room.

Vernie Kushlan of Cascade Junior/Senior High School received \$1,000 to buy solar kits, magnets, boiler and other science lab equipment.

Gary Lam of Potlatch Elementary School received \$930 for equipment for classroom aqua-ponics project.

Twin Falls/Magic Valley

T.J. Adams of Vera C. O'Leary Middle School in Twin Falls received \$652 to buy a life-size human torso for anatomy lessons.

Jason Nance of Declo High School received \$962.93 to purchase graphing calculators.

Peggy Thomas of Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl received \$996 to buy an iPad and projector for her classroom.

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